

REMARKS

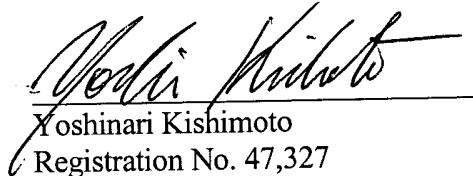
Claims 1-9, 11-21 and 23-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended in order to remove the Examiner's objection. The new limitation of the claims is supported by the specification at page 22, lines 18 to 20. Claims 1-9, 11-21 and 23-26 are believed to be in allowable condition.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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